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Re: Utility Serial No. 09/662,737
For: A System for Aggregating Information From Enterprises
Offering Items for Exchange Over A Communication Network
Filed: September 15, 2000
Our Ref.: L9090/269360

and

Re: Utility Serial No. 09/428,702
Filed: October 27, 1999
Title: "A System for Aggregating Information From Enterprises
Offering Items for Exchange Over a Communication Network"
Our Ref.: L9090/269367

Dear Mr. Hall:

We represent Landmark Communications, Inc. with respect to the above-referenced patent applications for which you are a named inventor. Currently the two applications are pending at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

We have prepared the enclosed declarations for your signature. Please execute the declarations and return them to us in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. We intend to file the declarations with the Patent Office. Please contact me if you have any changes to the declaration or if you did not contribute to the concept of using categories and keywords.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Brenda O. Holmes'.

Brenda O. Holmes, Esq.

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APPLICANT: **Kimbo Mundy et al.**
SERIAL NO.: **09/662,737** GROUP ART UNIT: **3691**
FILED: **September 15, 2000** EXAMINER: **Olabode Akintola**
FOR: **A System for Aggregating
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Over a Communication Network**

Attorney Docket No.: BDE-001CN (431/6)
(L9090/269360)

RULE 1.131 DECLARATION

I, Chris Hall, having first-hand knowledge of the facts recited herein, declare as follows:

1. I am one of the inventors of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the above-referenced application.
2. I conceived and reduced to practice in the United States the invention that is claimed in the application prior to June 23, 1999.
3. The Specification identifies www.biddersedge.com as an exemplary system web site on page 18, line 3 and Figures 6-12 illustrate various web pages associated with the Bidder's Edge web site. Copies of page 18 of the Specification and Figures 6-12 are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
4. The website at www.biddersedge.com was launched prior to June 23, 1999. A copy of a web page from www.biddersedge.com that was available prior to September 3, 1999 is attached hereto as Exhibit B. Exhibit B was obtained from the Internet Archive Wayback Machine (http://web.archive.org/web/*/http://biddersedge.com) on July 10, 2007.
5. Figure 6 illustrates categories (626) and search parameters (624, 628 and 630). Exhibit B illustrates the use of categories and an advanced auction search that allowed a user to specify a class of items or a category. Although the format of Exhibit B differs from the format of Figure 6, the categories and search functions provided by

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The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine, or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing on this application.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this _____
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The viewer 118 executes on the host computer 104 to provide a graphical user interface for the system 102. In the illustrative embodiment, the viewer 118 provides a system Web site, an example of which is located at address [www.biddersedge.com]. At the system Web site, the viewer provides a plurality of Web pages that enable a shopper to monitor and participate in auction activity occurring at a plurality of auction sites. The viewer 118 includes foreground process software that detects signals from the shopper access devices 108a-108d. Preferably, a shopper enters requests at a shopper access device 108a-108d by way of a mouse or keypad. The viewer 118 detects the requests and responds by displaying the requested information.

The pages created by the viewer 118 each provide different information to a shopper. Accordingly, the viewer 118 also enables shoppers to navigate between each of the available pages. Briefly, the GUI pages generated by the viewer 118 include a page navigation menu bar, near the top of each page, which allows the shopper to directly navigate to any of the other viewer pages. When a shopper logs into the Web site of the illustrative embodiment, the viewer 118 displays a Home page to the shopper. The shopper interacts with the search engine 120 from a plurality of the pages generated by the viewer 118. An illustrative Home page, along with other illustrative GUI pages generated by the viewer 118 are discussed in further detail below with respect to FIGURES 6-12.

In response to a shopper's command, the viewer 118 can invoke the search engine 120 to query the database 106 for items associated with a particular item category and/or keyword expression. Alternatively, the viewer 118 can invoke the site access facilitator 122 to enable the shopper to directly access and participate in a particular auction site



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Deal Watch (2)

Gives you an early edge by alerting you when items come up for auction.

My Auctions (0)

Saves you time by keeping price & status of your shopping list all in ONE PLACE, so you avoid going to each auction separately.

Categories - 626

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[Sports Memorabilia](#) (247,673)
[Toys](#) (90,683)
[Travel](#) (7,297)

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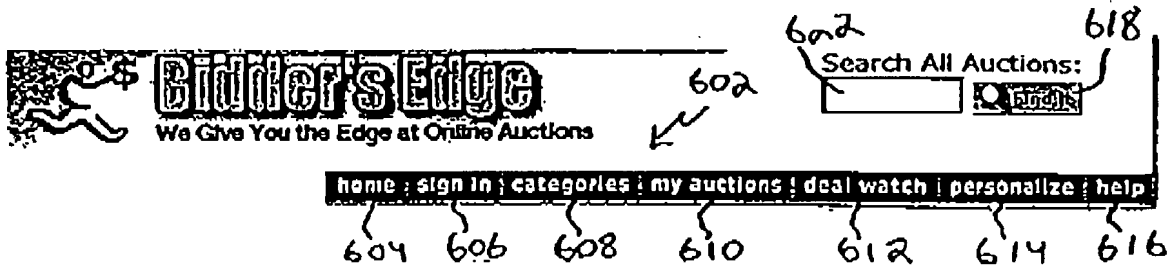
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FIGURE 1



You are here: [Bidder's Edge](#) > [All Categories](#)

Auctions for: "sony speakers" 

Search Results

Show ☒ Both Merchant and Person-To-Person Items

☐ Person-To-Person Items ONLY







☐ Merchant Items ONLY

Explain the difference between the Auction Types

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Click on a category to narrow your search.

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My Auctions (3)

You are here now.

My Auctions ~ 802

Current as of Friday, October 22, 04:25 PM EDT

⊖ = removes from My Auctions ~ 804

⊕ = add to ItemWatch

Click here to change your timezone!

• Sony SRS-A15 3 Watt Powered Speaker System @ Yahoo

2 left @ \$29.95

Closes Sun, Oct 24, 12:45 PM EDT ~ 808

No price history yet. You have not bid.

• **SONY AM/FM RADIO w/Speaker and Earphone** @ Amazon

1 left @ \$6.50

Closes Sun, Oct 24, 5:34 PM EDT

No price history yet.

Please click here to

record your Amazon account info, so you can track your bids.

HOT Auctions

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Bid History

Past Auctions which you have monitored using "My Auctions".

• High-Performance SONY Active Speaker System @ Deal Deal

3 left @ \$49.00

Closes Tue, Oct 26, 4:45 PM EDT

Avg. \$48.00 (2 sold @ \$39.00 to \$57.00)
Please click here to record your Deal account info, so you can track your bids.

Categories ~ 626

Antiques (8,169)
Beanie Babies (92,394)
Books & Magazines (108,437)
Cars, Trucks, etc. (7,162)
Coins & Stamps (68,396)
Collectibles (185,272)
Computers (92,199)
Dolls & Figures (32,854)
Electronics (20,632)
Glass, Porcelain & Pottery (51,046)
Home & Leisure (80,973)
Jewelry (63,869)
Memorabilia (72,993)
Miscellaneous (8,468)
Movies & Video Games (41,815)
Music & Instruments (53,269)
Sports (20,212)
Sports Memorabilia (246,176)
Toys (90,737)

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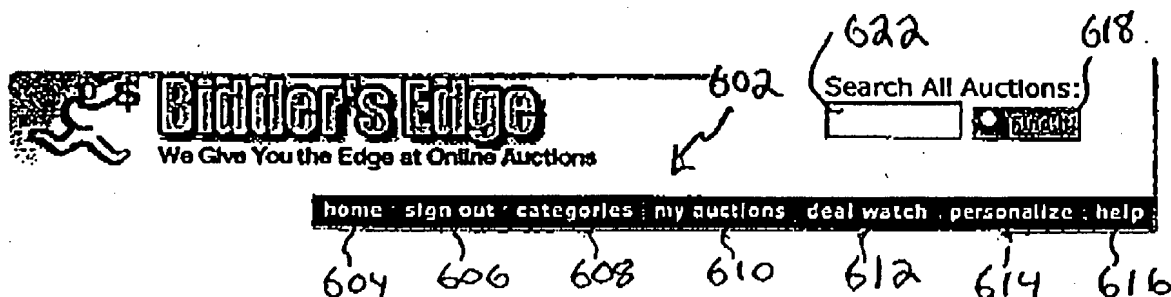
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FIGURE 8

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✓ Market Watch Added

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[Music & Instruments](#) (53,778)
[Sports](#) (20,306)

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Get a daily report via email of ALL Auction offering items satisfying a search. This is called Market Watch™

Get notified via email when a specific item will be up for a bid at a specific auction site. This is called Item Watch™

Market Watch-1 searches watched

⊖ = removes a search from MarketWatch list

- Search all auctions for "sony speaker" (all words) ☒ [Find](#)

Item Watch-1 specific items being watched

⊖ = removes a search from ItemWatch list

- **SONY AM/FM RADIO w/Speaker and Earphone**
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FIGURE 9

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Your personal information ([First Name] [Last Name] [Email Address]) has been updated.

You May Change Your Password

Bidder's Edge will *never* provide *any* of your personal information to anyone else without your explicit authorization. Period. You can find out more in our [privacy policy](#).

Your Login: newusr

Change your Password: (required)

Repeat Your Password: (required)

Personal Information

Entering personal information will allow us to make your Bidder's Edge experience more personal. Press the "Submit All" button when you are done.

First Name Last Name

☐ Send notifications to me via EMAIL at (Required for DealWatch Email notifications)

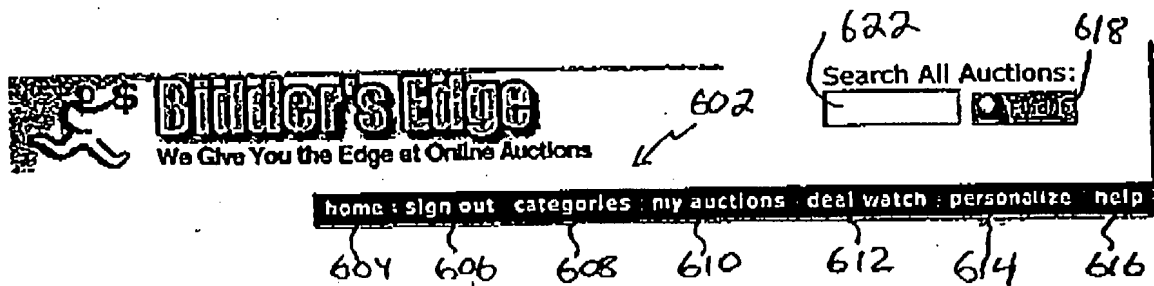
☐ Send notifications to my ICQ address at (Required for DealWatch ICQ notifications - or pagers)

Time Zone Specification

The TimeZone setting will allow you use the site in the time zone of your choice. Press the "Submit All" button when you are done.

Time Zone EDT - Eastern Daylight Time

FIGURE 10



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Categories

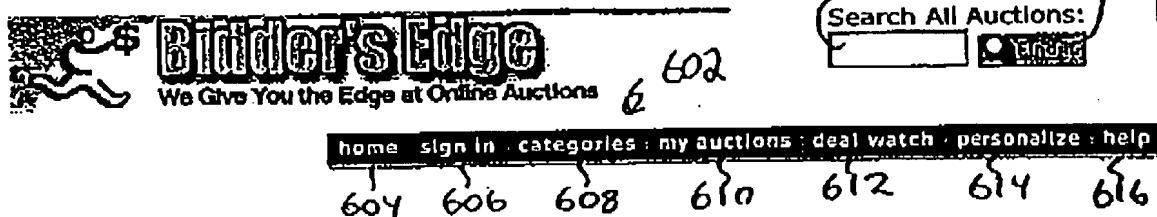
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FIGURE 11



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FIGURE 12